

## **Stakeholder Meetings**

11/16/2023 - Student Community Liaison Committee

- Concern that students will be contentious
- Concern that more days added would be too much, too long
- Understanding of the days being proposed
- Support for intentional messaging
- Concern the Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting too soon, consider pushing to Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>

11/27/2023 – Cal Poly Associated Students Incorporated External Affairs

- Are the two weekends in March because we don't know when St. Fratty's will be? Yes
- Does the SEZ apply to the whole city? Yes
- Has there been a substantial decrease in violations in other SEZs? Yes
- Is there an increased police presence? Yes
- How is the SEZ information shared with students? Communication plan includes in-person information sharing at FSL meetings, social media paid and organic posts, posters, and Student Affairs email.
- Last year, why didn't the police "do anything" when the big crowd gathered? Explained the decision of not creating a contentious situation to keep party people and officers safe.
- Why do double fines during SEZ instead of all the time? Not constitutional.
- How to SEZ allow PD to bring in mutual aid? The zones allow PD to plan in advance when to increase staff and request mutual aid.
- Why does PD bring in mutual aid? To help manage incidents and events that may become contentious.
- Concern: a bigger police presence could cause students to react.
- Do you anticipate push back from students? Yes, and these stakeholder meetings are part of getting information to residents in advance of the amendments going to Council.
- Additional feedback: use stats on arrests and injuries in SEZ marketing, use injury prevention messaging, partner with the Mustang News to provide info to students, partner with ASI for Instagram "takeover" to share information

11/27/2023 – United Sorority and Fraternity Life (cultural organizations)

- What data supports doing the amendment? Arrest and citation data, to be included in the amendment report
- What does “more patrol” mean during a SEZ? The zones are max deployment days where more staff is scheduled, mutual aid may be requested

11/30/2023 – Panhellenic Council (Sororities)

- Can parties be registered during SEZ? Yes, on Fridays and Saturdays.
- Does SEZ mean enhanced police presence? Yes, there are more officers scheduled to be able to handle the call volume.
- Is party registration a goal of SEZ? No.
- Concern shared that there are too many restrictions for party registration.
- Concern shared that the amendments may have an adverse effect, students will be angry and become more agitated and aggressive towards LE
- Concern shared that police only show up when there’s a noise complaint and people should “get over it because this is a college town”
- Concern shared the including multiple weekends is absurd, it restricts sororities from recruitment and the ability to hold events
- Feedback provided that communication should include data and fact sheets, provide tips on how folks can avoid citations and arrests
- Feedback provided to “look at other strategies to minimize behaviors” - Response from DC Mickel “Yes! Give us suggestions on strategies.”
- Feedback provided to include communication on telling residents they can call SLOPD if their event gets out of hand for help. - Response from Wallace, provided example of Halloween and Sigma Nu calling and asking for help, help was provided.
- Concern shared that there is “zero fun” year round and extending the dates aren’t the best idea.
- Feedback provided that consequences of poor behavior are provided clearly, visits to general council meetings for FSL should occur to share information.

#### 12/5/2023 – Inter Fraternal Council (Fraternities)

- Question, why the change? Response, party behaviors are becoming more dangerous
- Are SEZs a deterrent? Yes.
- Is the goal to issue more tickets? No, the goal is safety. The crowd has doubled in size each year since 2021 and behaviors like climbing utility poles and over consumption is very concerning. Ambulance example provided.
- Is adding an extra weekend the best idea? Asked the group what suggestions they had instead of adding days, none were provided.
- Does SEZ just mean increased patrol? Yes, and the fines.
- Concern: orgs are just all collectively getting double fines.
- Concern: with added dates, 6 or 7 weekends of the year will be double fines. Confirmed - 6 of 35 weekends of 24/25 academic year would be double fines (17%).
- Question: what does PD consider a reasonable party? Wallace: what's not reasonable is bringing in portable toilets and setting up a full-size DJ stand in a residential backyard.
- Question: can City Council make it [the dates] fluctuate? Yes, council could decide to grant authority to the City Manager or the Police Chief to deem the dates.
- Comment: St. Fratty's is going to happen no matter what and there are satellite houses throughout Hathway.
- Comment: people not invited to particular events come onto properties on Hathway. Organizations aren't planning the street party.
- Off topic question: can the number of people listed in the unruly gathering ordinance be increased up from 20? Provided information that this is a separate ordinance and how to request the change from Council.

#### 12/12/2023 Downtown SLO – Bar Owners/Managers (Zoom)

- Feedback from Ron Meier: problems have been out of downtown because the bars provide supervision and control, bar owners worked in conjunction with the city to end Mardi Gras, desires the City to help businesses drive business back downtown. (Wallace to connect Ron with Molly Cano.)
- James from McClintock's: doesn't see that an ordinance change would impact downtown greatly, hopes enforcement overall is reinforced on regular weekends.

## 12/13/2023 - Residents for Quality Neighborhoods

- Will this be also done for Open House? No, data doesn't show the same behaviors happening. We can always come back to council if those changes
- What about the weekend after? Typically, is either finals or spring break
- We don't think the party will happen during the week? No
- Comments – student rep at SCLC, if you do this we're going to do something (that's not what he said) Impact to the neighborhood is very concerning. Identify the illegal things that were happening in the neighborhoods.
- Financial impact? Max deployment, lots of overtime is incurred
- What are we hearing from Cal Poly on this topic? Student groups are not pushing back a lot.
- One tool in the toolbox is higher fines. What else is the dept looking at to curtail the events? Lessons learned; deployment plan will be adjusted.
- 1<sup>st</sup> warning, citation, then landlord. Does the enforcement of noise stay the same? Essentially yes
- Comment - SEZ can be effective, not enough citations are being issued during that time period. It's not a threat to students if enforcement isn't happening.
- Request – no warnings offered during SEZ
- Noise beyond a certain space, having amplified is a muni code violation, why can't officers issue a citation for the band/amplified and the noise
- What kind of support are we getting from Cal Poly admin? We meet with CP all the time.
- Is CP telling their students to stop the behavior? Not able to speak for them
- Is CP supportive of the SEZ amendment? Yes
- CSU PD can be summoned to help in large scale challenging events, essentially CSU mutual aid
- St. Fratty's 2022 – officers went into the party zone to shut down parties, 2023 officers didn't go into the party area to shut down parties, dozens of people were climbing poles, why didn't they go in? Was it for officer safety? Yes. Different approach for 2024. 2023 was management mode.
- From a resource perspective, how many ppl could be held at the PD? Not many. How many could be taken to the jail if many ppl were arrested? Drain on resources, we would contact the jail to share what's happening. Lots of evaluation during the 2023 event and
- There are still residents in these neighborhoods, many are senior citizens, very challenging to get an ambulance in to help folks that may need to medical assistance

- Deltopia etc in Goleta, they closed the neighborhoods down. Can the neighborhoods be closed down?
- How do we get CP to put it out to tell their students not to go out there? We partner with CP
- Concern with the party boxes and burritos that are being handed out to students, is mixed messaging. The Frat/Sororities are receiving the approvals from CP to hold their parties
- Can students be prevented from having the early morning gatherings by CP?
- Halloweekend parties are happening at satellite houses, concern with the number of satellite houses in AV and MH which is R1 and R2. Concern with the parade of people in the neighborhoods, ppl going from party to party very loud. Fraternity houses in the neighborhoods where they shouldn't be the problem.
- Concern with SNAP enforcement, that SNAP are clearing large parties with NV or a DAC instead of giving the call over to patrol. (??)
- Information on what other groups we've met with are saying? Didn't bring that information with us
- Safety, quality of life, messes in yards, fear of safety, inability to come out of their homes, trapped in the neighborhood, lack of respect, feelings that the neighborhood has been taken over, unsettling
- Equity, that neighborhood should have the same quality of life equity that exists in other neighborhoods in SLO
- It's not the students that are the problem, it's the fraternities that are the problem.
- San Diego PD – program for chronic party houses, like red tag ordinance that AZ has, auto citation for houses that are on the chronic house list, similar to program in S. Lake Tahoe (?)
- City could provide alternative activities locations
- Poles, lower rungs have been removed by PG&E
- Restorative justice program – citation recipients should be required to go to the neighbors and apologize, the concept should be looked at as an option
- Student Success program at CP – believed it really helped, wish it could be reinstated
- Money may or may not be impactful – “nothing happened to me, I just wrote the check” there are limitations to what a basic fine will do
- What about Deltopia and Halloween? What tools do they use? Limit access. We have looked at the option, it's easy to close Isla Vista. Not easy to close AV and MH.
- Need to get out in the neighborhood, have the discussion with houses that have been chronic. One on one to the residents, talk about enforcement and how the house has been a problem in the past

- Is party registration available during SEZ? Yes. Could that be removed? Separate from this amendment presentation. FRED – we love party registration, we know where things are happening, lots more success with reasonable parties being held than out of control ones. More data needed.
- There have been calls to registered parties that have had live bands who have gotten warnings. Please address this.